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In re Application of :  
MAERTENS, Geert, et al. :  
U.S. Application No.: 08/836,075 :  
PCT Application No.: PCT/EP95/04155 :  
International Filing Date: 23 October 1995 :  
Priority Date: 21 October 1994 :  
Attorney Docket No.: INNS:04/KAM :  
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DECISION ON

PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

This is a decision on Applicants' "Request For Correction of Filing Receipt," which has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

**BACKGROUND**

On 23 October 1995, applicants filed international application PCT/EP95/04155, which claimed a priority date of 21 October 1994 and which designated the United States. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent And Trademark Office ("USPTO") by the International Bureau ("IB") on 05 May 1995. On 17 May 1996, a demand for international preliminary examination was filed, prior to nineteen months from the priority date. As such, the deadline for entering the national stage in the United States was 21 April 1997.

On 21 April 1997, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee and a declaration.

On 16 June 1997, a Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) was mailed.

On 19 October 2001, a Filing Receipt was mailed.

On 19 March 2002, applicants filed the instant request seeking a corrected filing receipt.

**DISCUSSION**

The Notification of Acceptance lists date of completion of the requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371 as 21 April 1997. A review of the file indicates that this is correct. The filing receipt

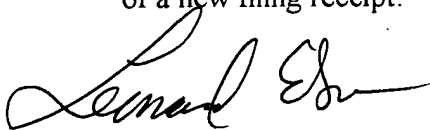
lists the "filing date" as 22 April 1997. The filing date on the filing receipt is the date of completion of the requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371. MPEP §1895.01(A). As earlier stated, the 371 requirements were completed on 21 April 1997.

Additionally, the filing receipt lists only the city of residence of inventor Geert Maertens, rather than the city and county. The country of residence is Belgium.

**CONCLUSION**

The Filing Receipt mailed 19 October 2001 is **VACATED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing in accordance with this decision, including the mailing of a new filing receipt.



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